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First Lady

Bay, Waveland boards to meet

The Waveland Board of Aldermen will meet with the Bay St. Louis City Council to discuss integrating resources, interlocal agreements and coordinating the comprehensive plans of the two cities on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Waveland Board Room, 335 Coleman Ave., Bldg. 9.

Little League Softball to play

Hancock Little League Softball is putting together a spring-summer softball program. If you're 5-18 years old and live in Hancock County, call one of the following numbers after 6 p.m. to register: Walter, 467-6598; Frank, 323-2674; Rudy, 467-3245; or Herb, 326-7981.

Open-air market begins today

The first business back on Coleman Avenue in Waveland is an open-air market. Fresh produce and home made goodies will be some of the items for sale. The market will open each Saturday, beginning today, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 301 Coleman Avenue. Come visit on Saturday or call Joan Coleman, 363-1759.

Hancock Food Pantry to reopen

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First Lady Laura Bush speaks Thursday at Hancock North Central Elementary. Below, Bush cuts the ribbon on new playground at the school erected by volunteers with equipment donated by KABOOM! Helping Bush cut the ribbon were, from NFL great and HNC alumna Brett Favre; his wife Deanna; U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings; KABOOM! founder Darrell Hammons; and current Hancock North Central students.

LAURA BUSH VISITS HANCOCK

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

First Lady Laura Bush and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings visited children, faculty, and parents of Hancock North Central Elementary School on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Bush's visit came after she visited two schools in Louisiana earlier in



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'Hobos' attacked with a machete

War-paint wearing man allegedly hacks train-riding transients

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

A man wielding a machete and wearing war paint allegedly assaulted and stabbed two men in Lakeshore Tuesday. Wayne S. Parks, 57 years old was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, later in the evening.

About 5:30 PM Tuesday evening the sheriff's department received a call from workers of the CSX railroad. The workers stated that a man had come out of the woods in the Lakeshore area, and said that he had been stabbed and he did not know if his friend was dead or alive.



Deputies Jody Richardson and Tim Airhart responded to the call along with Waveland officers Eddie Peterson and John Saltarelli. When officers arrived they were able to locate the second victim, as well as Parks. Both victims suffered cuts to their arms, and were taken to Hancock Medical Center.

Investigator John Luther was called to the scene, and Parks was taken to the Hancock County Sheriff's department for questioning. After Parks was questioned, he was arrested and taken to the Pearl River County Jail, and charged with aggravated assault. Parks was held under \$20,000 bond.

Parks was living in the woods on Lower Bay Rd. at the time of the assault. The victims were transients who had been riding trains across the country.

U.S. Transportation Secretary tours Bay

CSX bridge is complete; Hwy. 90 next

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The CSX train bridge is completely rebuilt and CSX plans on resuming its normal train route by Feb. 1. On Thursday, CSX officials

along with United States Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta took the first train across the new bridge. After the train ride, Mineta,

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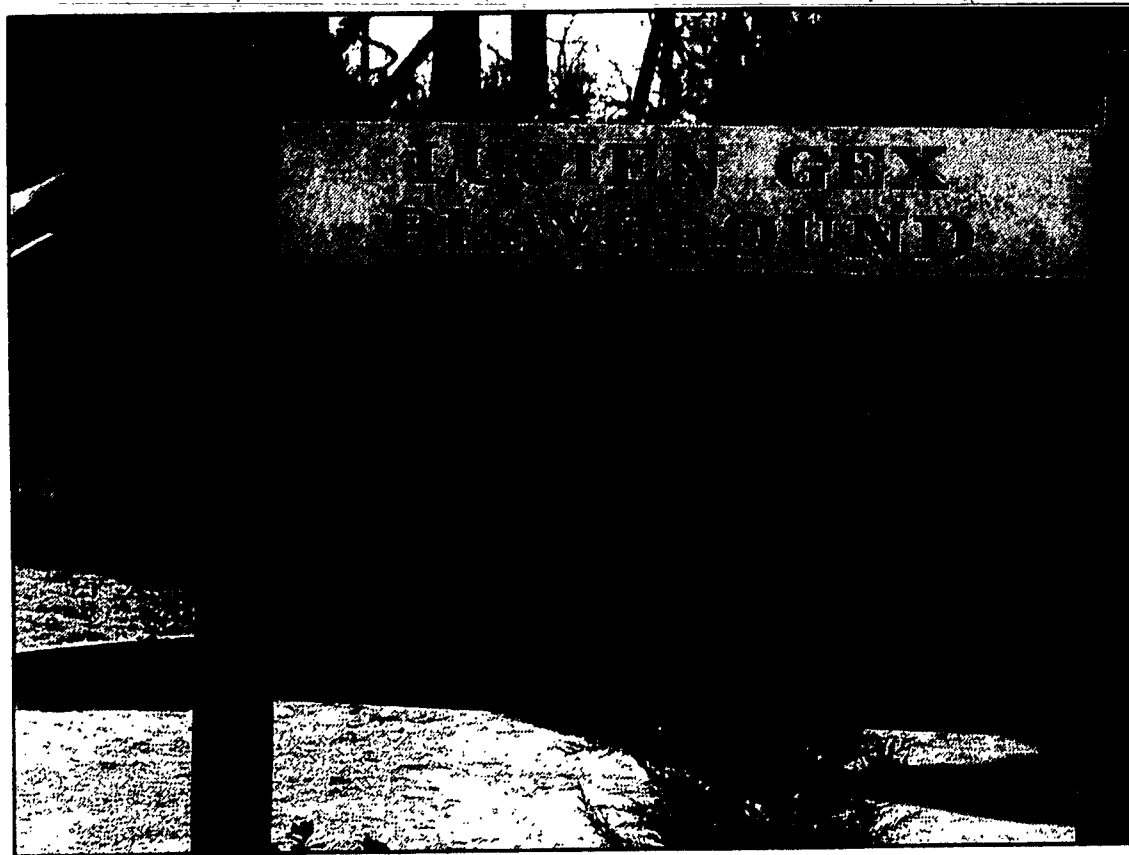


U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor and national Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta tour the Bay of St. Louis to survey the damage Hurricane Katrina wrought to the Hwy. 90 bridge and marvel at the speed with which CSX rebuilt the train bridge. Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer



Mayor Tommy Longo and school children cut the ribbon at the new Lucien Gex playground on Coleman Ave. The playground was rebuilt through a partnership from Kids Around the World, from Rockford IL, as well as numerous church groups. Longo said, "This playground will be a beacon of light on Coleman Ave, where children can go and play safely."

Echo staff photos by Dwayne Bremer



FAA honors Stennis Airport

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Southern Region Airports Division has selected Stennis International Airport in Bay St. Louis, MS, to receive the 2005 General Aviation Airport Safety Award.

The award is presented to a general aviation airport in the Southeast that makes outstanding efforts to increase safety.

Immediately following Hurricane Katrina, Airport Manager Bill Cotter and his son cleared debris from operational and safety areas and repaired runway edge lights to allow resumption of night operations. The airport

borrowed airport rescue and fire fighting vehicles, and two days after the hurricane, relief flights began.

The airport provided bivouac areas for the majority of soldiers and airmen providing security and relief services. This enabled military and civilian aircraft operating out of Stennis to support massive relief efforts in southwest Mississippi and New Orleans.

The airport staff coordinated space for parking and unloading the tremendous number of military and civilian cargo aircraft delivering relief supplies. At the height of post-Katrina operations, 1,500 tons of

supplies were delivered daily to the airport.

"The staff of Stennis International Airport did a tremendous job in responding to Hurricane Katrina," said Rusty Chapman, Manager, Airports Division, FAA Southern Region. "Stennis Airport acted quickly to restore service so critical relief flights could operate quickly and safely out of the airport."

"The airport staff's actions are a testament to their dedication and professionalism."

FAA presented the award at its annual Southern Region Communications Conference in Atlanta on January 23.

Arbor Day tree give-away

On Friday, February 10, the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District will have free and for sale tree seedlings to local residents in honor of Arbor Day. Species that will be available include: Green Ash, Yellow Poplar, Weeping Willow, Southern Magnolia, and Bald Cypress are for sale @ \$3.00 each.

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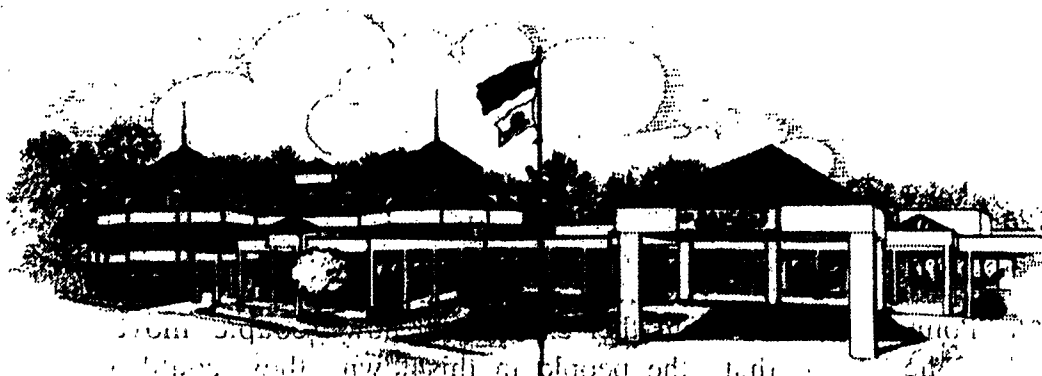
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North Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis residents Jerry and Yvonne Gelpi lost their home to Hurricane Katrina, but not their fighting American spirit.

North Beach Blvd. residents show true American spirit

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Taking a ride down North Beach Blvd., you can't help but notice the destruction and fury of Hurricane Katrina's storm surge. As the surge came over the seawall, the waters of the Bay took away nearly every structure along North Beach all the way to Cedar Point.

The one thing that remained, however, was not made of metal, wood, or concrete. The thing that remained came back with the residents of North Beach, and today it is evident for everyone to see. The thing that remained was the spirit of recovery and hope.

Today along a mile long area of North Beach, nearly every piece of property has the

red, white, and blue of the American flag flying, even if there is nothing else there. FEMA trailers are dotting the area, and residents are slowly coming back to the place they call home.

"It just goes to show that the will and the spirit of the people have been incredible," said Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre. "The flags are just another example of how the people in this town feel."

"The flag symbolizes the fighting spirit that we have," said Yvonne Gelpi of 653 North Beach. "We are so proud to be Americans, and the flag tells everyone that nothing will ever defeat us, not even a hurricane."

Gelpi and her husband Jerry have been living in North Carolina since the storm. They have been

back four times, but the Gelpi's are very adamant about their future plans.

"We coming back, there is nothing else to say," Yvonne said. "We just love this town, it is so relaxed and there is just an easy lifestyle that we have not found anywhere else."

In a bit of irony, Gelpi also said that one of the main reasons why the couple moved here so they could be by the water.

Gelpi said that she is awaiting a FEMA trailer, and that she will be returning when the trailer arrives. She hopes to begin rebuilding here home shortly, and she expects many of her neighbors to do the same.

"I have talked with a lot of the people down here, and many are coming back," Gelpi said.

"Many of the homes in this area have been in families for generations."

Gelpi, who also has many ties to New Orleans said that she believes that the reconstruction and attitude on the Gulf Coast is much better than in New Orleans.

"I think that things are moving along faster, and there are more signs of progress here. I just can't wait to get back and rebuild my home," Gelpi said.

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ARTS to host national show

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The ARTS Hancock County will launch a series of national art shows on February 18th, 2006, at the Great Hall of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas. "Hearts for Art" is the first of series of shows in a variety of national venues to showcase the arts and 20 artists of Hancock County, Mississippi, after Hurricane Katrina. The event will include a champagne reception and art sale. It is the first event of its kind to be held in the Presidential Library.

The show has been organized by Clare Haun, vice president of the board of the ARTS

Hancock County. Haun and her family evacuated to North Little Rock after the storm.

She immediately began to promote her hometown of Bay St. Louis and the plight of the arts community there where artists had lost their homes, studios, galleries and work. In 2003 Bay St. Louis was named as one of the Top Small Arts Towns in the United States by USA Today and author John Villani.

Haun began to work with the arts community in Little Rock including The Arkansas Arts Council and its Executive Director Joy Pennington as she promoted the idea of a show

as a way to create visibility of and raise funds for the artists whose livelihoods were destroyed when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast in August 2005. All the proceeds of the show tickets and sales of the museum-quality catalogue will benefit the ARTS Hancock County disaster relief fund.



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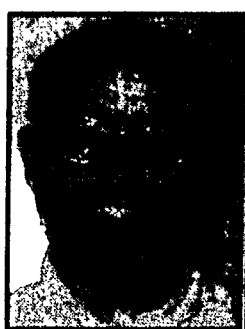
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Ponderings

by James R. "Randy"
Ponder
Editor and Publisher

Southern Exposure

Hancock County has certainly hosted its share of important visitors in recent days. On Thursday of this week, First Lady Laura Bush was at Hancock North Central Elementary School to dedicate a new playground. Also in attendance was future NFL Hall of Fame quarterback – and Kiln native – Brett Favre.

On the same day, the National Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, was in Bay St. Louis for the first train ride across the bay with CSX Railroad officials and local leaders including Congressman Gene Taylor. The group also inspected the remains of the Bay St. Louis Highway 90 bridge.

On Wednesday, Governor Haley Barbour and wife Marsha were in Hancock County for a meeting with the county supervisors and later, a speech to the employees at Wellman in Port Bienville.

And just two weeks ago, United States of America President George W. Bush visited Bay St. Louis, delivering a speech at St. Stanislaus.

Several congressional committees have also been on the Coast in the past few weeks.

Why is this important? Why should you care? When high level, national officials visit, the national media follows. We get exposure to people outside our area. And that's good. The more people who see first hand the massive destruction here, the more likely we will get the Federal aid we so desperately need.

I, along with Echo news editor Geoff Belcher, was invited to ride in the motorcade when President Bush visited. It was quite an experience to witness his arrival via Marine One at Buccaneer State Park. The security was remarkable. Bomb dogs, searched each vehicle, marksmen were posted at numerous sites and everyone was thoroughly searched. Overhead, a helicopter kept a close watch on the entire area. Highway patrolmen on motorcycles formed a

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A Bill For All Seasons

(Ellis Anderson of the Coastal Community Watch sent me the following e-mail. Its subject pertains to most of us who own property on the coast. Please read it and help Compretta, promote the bill. — La Violette)

We have less than a week to help influence a bill that will give residents of Mississippi desperately needed property tax protection. Forward this to everyone you know who owns property anywhere in the state.

The State House Representative from Bay St. Louis, J.P. Compretta, has introduced two bills that will put a cap on property tax appraisals. These bills state that as long as you own the property, your appraisal can only be raised a maximum of 3% a year. You can read the full text at these links: <http://bill-status.ls.state.ms.us/2006/html/history/HB/HB0746.htm> / <http://bill-status.ls.state.ms.us/2006/html/history/HB/HB0747.htm>

As the state law stands now, we're all in danger of major tax increases. For example: If the property next door to you sells for an eye-popping amount, YOUR property will be assessed at like value – even if you're on a fixed income. If you can't afford the new taxes, you'll be forced to sell. These new state laws will prevent that from happening.

Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza
LaViolette

They're modeled on similar laws in other states like Florida and Alabama and are designed to protect residents from having to give up their homes because of escalating property values around them.

There is one very important thing you can do RIGHT NOW:

Telephone the State Capital. The number is 601.359.3770. Tell them you'd like to leave a message for Percy Watson and Bobby Howell. They're Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Ways

and Means Committee, where the bill is being considered. Say you'd like them to urge all members of the committee to support House Bills numbered 746 and 747. Tell them that property owners in this state need protection. It takes two minutes (we timed it).

Every call will count. It doesn't matter if you've temporarily relocated. You still need to act. If we can support these bills and can help them get through the committee process, we'll have hope. But time is of the essence! The deadline is one week from today – January 31st. So get on the phone and forward this to everyone you know. If the bills make it out of committee, we'll be back in touch soon to let you know other ways you can help.

THAT'S THE WAY YOU SHOULD WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT!



Can we please cut all the red tape?

On July 23, 2004, an exercise to assess results of a theoretical category 3 hurricane was conducted by FEMA through fictitious Hurricane Pam. It concluded that 120-mph winds would hurl water from Lake Pontchartrain over the 17.5-foot levees of New Orleans, thereby flooding major portions of the city and damaging 87 percent of the homes.

Distressingly, the disturbing results of the Hurricane Pam venture were released to all government authorities two days before the landfall of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast. The rest is history despite that test run and five years of warnings from other

studies. How does one explain the red tape connected with that monumental snafu?

At virtually the same time Hurricane Pam was recently being publicized on and around January 23, FEMA showed their other ugly side of bureaucracy: their blunt, unfeeling practice of dropping weighty bills on bankrupt storm victims whom they have ill

Reflections on Life

by Father Jerome
Ledoux

served.

Ignoring all desperate pleas from the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans, The Federal Emergency Management Agency just sent Governor Kathleen Blanco a bill for an initial payment of \$155,000. That insensitive first bill was only the forerunner of an eventual whopping bill of \$3.7 billion to a crippled state

government.

How does this even begin to dovetail with Louisiana's sorry plight of needing \$12.1 billion to get back on its feet? "Nothing from nothing leaves nothing," the song of yesteryear admonished us. With New Orleans, the bell cow of Louisiana's economy, just getting off the floor, what does it take to untangle FEMA's addled brain?

Supposedly, the whole rationale for FEMA's existence is to give critical federal aid to municipal or state governments which, due to some catastrophe, cannot help

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themselves.

That rationale in the midst of catastrophic times and issues cannot possibly include the dumping of callous, obnoxious bills on the impoverished victims themselves.

If numerous California officials like Governor Schwarzenegger himself assure us that maintenance and repair of the 6,000 miles of California levees are far beyond their pool of resources, must it not scare us that the Golden State is far and away the richest in our country and the world's fifth-largest economy?

Since levee expenses are enough to humble such a huge economy, think of what they must do to Louisiana and the rest of the Gulf Coast. What kind of Economy 101 does it take to make FEMA understand the basics of this comparison?

The inane bill which FEMA plopped down on the Louisiana governor's desk is just another proof positive of the origin of all red tape: the built-in bureaucracy of an entity which is mindless, insensitive, bungling, customer unfriendly and inefficient.

Unfortunately, the plot thickens. As a member of the National Wetlands Coalition (NWC), the

National Utility Contractors Association supports the legislation proposed late last year by Congressman Richard Baker of Louisiana. The so-called Baker Bill clarifies the definition of a wetland under federal jurisdiction.

Further, the bill promotes consistency in the permitting process for property owners, buying their buildings, repairing them, then giving them the right of first refusal. While this may not be the final word, it is the only proposal out there which makes sense.

Those same government red tape merchants pushing five months of delays in a chorus of, "Present us a plan with one voice," are now reacting in typical red tape fashion to the only reasonable one voice in town: "The President does not back the Baker Bill."

However, there may be some semblance of federal good sense in their attempt to justify themselves by giving the Gulf Coast \$11.5 billion in HUD block grants. Now the question is whether the HUD block grants will achieve as much as the Baker Bill would.

Given their rejection of the Baker Bill, are the feds engaging in a game of who can build a better

mouse trap? If so, their HUD block grants are lacking in the definition of wetlands and sound planning of their disposition found in the Baker Bill.

How, then, can we cut red tape? From all sides a chorus is building to a very loud, overwhelming crescendo: reshape FEMA into something efficient and cost-effective, or replace it entirely with some organization that is.

Then there are the do-it-yourselfers in places like St. Bernard Parish near New Orleans and Lakeview in New Orleans who are not waiting through the eternal delays of local, state and federal officials. In some cases, it almost seems like a black market of building. This comes about because of the never-never land in which officials are putting us.

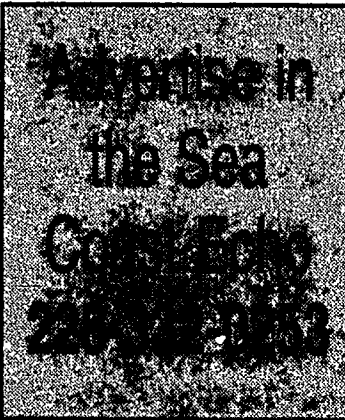
Common sense tells us it is sometimes better to ask forgiveness than permission. "Why did you ask me?" I have heard more than one superior inquire. "Now I am obligated to take note of your request and follow policies and rules. It would have been less complicated had you gone ahead and acted without involving me in the process."

Of course, we know

that virtually all superiors in various professions prefer to receive requests according to the chain of command. On the other hand, there are occasional situations where the rules are either ill-defined or where common sense comes into play.

Almost all of us have broad issues in the use of common sense, the biggest issue being a clear understanding of just what common sense is. How to cut red tape? Common sense certainly tells us that rules/laws are made on account of human beings. That means human beings are not made because of rules/laws be they local, state or federal. I like a job chief's directions to his crew: "You will have to answer to me if you fail to help someone in dire need because of rules."

Are you listening, FEMA? So, the best way to cut red tape is to promote common sense at all levels. "Don't get stuck on stupid!" Hire Lt. General Russell Honore.



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BY LYNN R.
CHERAMIE

Beginning in 2006 your Hancock County Elections Commissioners will be communicating every month with the Hancock County voters keeping you informed, and up to date on the coming changes to the elections process that are due to take place in 2006.

On July 2005, Secretary of State Eric Clark introduced new touch screen voting machines that Hancock residents will use to cast ballots beginning in June of 2006. The Secretary pointed out that the new voting machines will greatly improve the accuracy and integrity of Mississippi elections. The machines are "user friendly" and secure. Diebold Elections Systems (DES) is providing the statewide voting machines for 77 counties in the state.

Under federal law all punch-card machines, which have been in use in Hancock County, must be replaced by 2006. More than 75 counties in Mississippi were required by federal mandate HAVA (Help America Vote Act, 2000) to change to new, more accurate machines. In addition, all polling

places must have at least one device fully accessible for disabled voters. The touch screen machines are the most accessible for the disabled.

The new machines will be in use at Hancock polling places for the June, 2006 primaries. Your local county Elections Commissioners, along with the Circuit Clerk's Office and in cooperation with the Board of Supervisors, have been working with the Secretary of State on the SEMS (Statewide Elections Management Systems). At this time, the roll-out phase of the SEMS is in progress. Thirty counties are part of the SEMS project. With the exception of counties still affected by Hurricane Katrina, all counties were slated to be using SEMS by December 20, 2005. Pilot counties conducted data migration reviews and worked on a mock election test last August. These projects are slated for Hancock County beginning next month.

Due to Katrina, Secretary of State personnel are working with Hancock County to reschedule implementation of the SEMS set-up and voting machine

delivery, for sometime in February.

Your dedicated County Supervisors Elections Commissioners and Circuit Clerk personnel will continue to communicate all pertinent information on this important project to the voting public.

Elections Commissioners presently serving 2004-2008 include: Caroline Adam, District 4; Lynn Cheramie, District 5; Gary T. Gilmore, District 3; Lem McCoy, District 1; and Wayne Spiers, District 2.

The commissioners meet monthly at 5:00 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday in trailer #8 of the Hancock County Longfellow Complex. Meetings are open to the public. For information contact Lynn Heramie at lyncher40@hotmail.com, the election commissioner at 466-6240, or the circuit clerk, 467-5265.

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Bush -- First Lady tours

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the day. Mrs. Bush greeted volunteers, and students. The visit was capped off by the First Lady giving a short speech, and participating in the ribbon cutting of a brand new playground that was donated by KABOOM!, and constructed by a number of volunteers earlier that day.

"Play is really important to youths," Bush said. "It is so much fun to see this terrific playground, it's just another thing that will bring people back, if there are good schools and facilities for their kids to go to."

KABOOM! is a non-profit group that plans on putting more than 100 playgrounds along the Coast in the coming months. The company

has already put a playground in Bay St. Louis, and another playground in Waveland is set for construction in a few weeks. KABOOM! co-founder Darrell Hammons has been working with local leaders on all of the projects.

"What an amazing day this is," Hammons said. "We really appreciate all of the volunteers for the work they have done. KABOOM! is dedicated to bringing joy to the kids in this area."

Mrs. Bush had high praise for Hammons and the job that his group is doing.

"This was such a wonderful idea," Bush said. "Darrell is just another example of another American who thought of a way to help out those in need."

While Hammons was speaking, a surprise guest showed up to help dedicate the playground — former Hancock North Central student, and NFL great Brett Favre.

"Who better to talk about the importance of this playground than someone who played on the old playground as a child," Hammons said.

"Myself and my wife both played on this playground," Favre said. "It's important to think about the kids. This area has been devastated and things like this go a long way."

Mrs. Bush commented on recovery efforts, as well as the idea of "spring break on the Coast".

"I know it may seem like things are slow right now, but there is so much

to do," Bush said. "One thing that we are asking people around the country is to come down here on spring break, and help out. I would ask anyone who wants to help to come, and spend some time here, and see what they can do to help."

The playground was constructed by volunteers on Thursday morning. They also built an outdoor classroom, six benches, and some tables.

There were many volunteers including people from Americorps, Hands on America, the Navy CB's from Gulfport, and employees from area Home Depot stores. There were other groups, as well as parents and students that participated in the construction.

Bay -- CSX bridge done

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Congressman Gene Taylor, MDOT Southern Commissioner Wayne Brown, and other officials took a boat tour of both the CSX bridge and the Bay St. Louis Highway Bridge.

The rebuilding of the CSX bridge was a tremendous undertaking, according to Don Bagley, the vice-president of engineers for CSX.

"Our initial estimate was that it was going to take six to nine months to complete the project," Bagley said. "Although the damage was great, everyone stepped up to the plate, and got the job done in a little more than four months."

"We mobilized every resource we had," said Chuck Davis of Scott Bridge Company, based in Opelika

Al. "Every one of the 230-ton sections of this bridge are still laying inverted on the floor of the Bay. This bridge was built with all new sections. We had over 250 employees involved, and they all did an outstanding job."

As the group toured the area of the Bay St. Louis highway bridge, Mineta said he could not help but notice the amount of damage that Hurricane Katrina caused.

"Looking at how that steel is just twisted up, it's amazing," Mineta said.

Brown explained that the new bridge must be built higher and stronger for future security.

"One challenge of the new bridge will be that the bridge has to be able to withstand not only the water, but

even a ship or barge crashing into it," Brown said.

The idea of moving the CSX railroad is still not a far-fetched notion, according to CSX officials; but for the short term, CSX found that rebuilding was necessary.

"Moving the railway north is still an option," Bagley said. "We have had ongoing talks, but that is a long-term project. We needed to get our freight moving from New Orleans to Mobile again. This should be helpful to the local economy as well as the national economy."

Mineta agreed with the idea of moving the railroad north in case of future storms.

"If everyone is in concert, then it is a great idea," Mineta said.

Diamondhead Church to host Super Bowl Party

Diamondhead Community Church invites your entire family to its 2nd annual Super Bowl Party on February 5, 2006 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on a big screen TV.

As well as a fun time, the event is an opportunity to help others through the Hancock County Food Pantry. The church will provide soft drinks.

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DuPont DeLisle titanium dioxide plant resumes operations; Barbour speaks at reopening gala

SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour and DuPont officials on Wednesday led employees, government officials and area residents in a celebration of the DuPont DeLisle titanium dioxide (TiO₂) plant's recovery from a direct hit by Hurricane Katrina. The site resumed manufacturing operations less than five months after the storm disabled the plant. With 523 employees and more than a thousand contractor employees, DuPont DeLisle is a major supplier of TiO₂ to the paper, coatings and plastics industries.

At a ceremony, Governor Barbour and DuPont Plant Manager Pat Nichols commended the dedication and teamwork of employees for restarting the facility and praised the company's

commitment to the community.

"Since my visit here shortly after Hurricane Katrina, it is clear that the DuPont team has made tremendous progress," Governor Barbour said. "In overcoming the adversity caused by the worst natural disaster to hit the United States, you took care of each other, helped provide for community and family needs, while at the same time going about the business of bringing this important operation back on line."

"I salute you and your successful efforts. It is further evidence of Mississippi's resolve to rebuild our businesses and communities, recover from the devastation caused by the storm, and renew our faith in the future."

"Literally thousands

of people have worked around the clock since August to make this achievement possible," said Nichols. "It is not an exaggeration to say that the rebirth of our plant is a tangible and hopeful symbol of the revival we expect to see throughout our community, state and the entire Gulf Coast region."

Despite the size and intensity of the storm, all DuPont DeLisle employees and their immediate families escaped without major injury. Many lost their homes and possessions, but their dedication to recovery and rebuilding never wavered.

"Our people demonstrated a level of concern and dedication to the company and to each other that is truly humbling," said Nichols. "We will never forget

that the power of our DuPont family and friends is the reason the DeLisle Plant is back in business today."

"It is this dedication, along with the quality of our products, our core values and our spirit of continuous improvement at DuPont DeLisle, which reinforces our commitment to Mississippi and our Gulf Coast community."

In the hurricane's immediate aftermath, the DuPont DeLisle site continued to pay employees while they managed their personal and family affairs. Employees came back to the site as soon as recovery activity intensified.

DuPont also created a temporary residential community at the plant site, providing trailers for a number of employees and their families. The

company constructed sanitary facilities as well as a kitchen and dining area to support the temporary residents and the hundreds of construction personnel working at the site.

In addition to providing for its own employees, the company and dozens of employee volunteers arranged for the donation and delivery of emergency supplies — food, water, ice, tents, tarpaulins and other essentials — to neighboring communities. DuPont also made more than \$1.5 million in contributions to hurricane-affected areas, earmarking large sums of this money for communities surrounding the DeLisle plant.

"It is a privilege to work with a dedicated team, who truly care about each other and our

community. They understand the importance of the economic and social well-being of our region," Nichols said. "Watching everyone come together, have complete confidence in the recovery this region and in DuPont DeLisle. We are world-class leaders because our people and our communities are world-class."

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the DuPont conducted a study estimated the site's economic impact on Mississippi as \$394 million per year.

Although rebuilding costs associated with the DuPont DeLisle site have been determined, they represent a significant portion of the total DuPont hurricane recovery costs.

MPT to be acquired by Solvay Advanced Polymers

SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc. (MPT) announced that its board of directors and shareholders have approved MPT's acquisition by Solvay Advanced Polymers, L.L.C. (Solvay AP).

MPT, an entrepreneurial company headquartered in Bay St. Louis, developed, produces and sells Parmax® SRP polymers, new materials with extraordinary properties.

Solvay AP, headquartered in Alpharetta, GA, is a worldwide leader in the ultra-performance polymers industry. SAP also will acquire Maxdem Incorporated, MPT's parent company, with both acquisitions expected to be completed in the coming months.

Parmax® SRP polymers are a family of transparent, amorphous materials that exhibit a remarkable and unique combination of

strength, stiffness, hardness, chemical resistance and fire resistance.

The distinctive performance attributes of Parmax® SRP materials make them an attractive, lightweight alternative to metals in demanding applications such as aerospace components, medical tubing and semiconductor components, and industrial applications including bushings, bearings, gears, and valves.

Parmax® SRP technology was invented at Maxdem Incorporated, a California entrepreneurial company, which started MPT in 2000 was a subsidiary to commercially exploit the technology.

"We are enthusiastic about the combination of MPT and Solvay AP and the potential for future growth," stated Robert Gagné, MPT's Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Gagné

noted, "Starting with just two employees, MPT has grown to a thriving enterprise with a team of more than fifty. MPT owes its success to its dedicated employees, so it is fitting that SAP plans to continue and to grow Parmax SRP operations in Mississippi."

Gagné also noted, "Since its inception, MPT has received critical support from local, state and federal officials."

"We are especially grateful to U.S. Senator Trent Lott and U.S. Representative G. Taylor, and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission for their help in building MPT." Solvay Advanced Polymers is an operating unit of Solvay, SA, an international chemical and pharmaceutical group with headquarters in Brussels.



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Obituaries

DARLENE LADNER BRYAN MULLINS



DARLENE LADNER
Darlene "Cookie" Asher Ladner, 49 of Long Beach, MS died on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 in Gulfport, MS. She was born in Bay St. Louis, MS on September 26, 1956 and was a life-long resident of the Gulf Coast. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. She was a very out going, warm, fun loving person who loved her children and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter & Mae Merle Asher and her sister Jean Faye.

She is survived by her companion, Mike DeCorte of Long Beach, MS; her children Freddie Ladner, Jr. and wife Lisa of Pass Christian, MS; Jeffery DeCorte of Long Beach, MS; Brigitte Necaise of Kiln, MS; Samanth DeCorte of Long Beach, MS; brother, Rusty Asher of Bay St. Louis, MS; and 3 sisters, Donna Marie Asher of Bay St. Louis, MS, Sheila Grogan & husband Richard of Gulfport, MS, Cindy Asher Revere & husband Craig of Waveland, MS. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren, 2 nieces and 4 nephews.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS with a Prayer Service at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow in Lakeshore Cemetery in Lakeshore, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.



BRYAN MULLINS

Bryan Lee Turlan Mullins, of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 in Biloxi, MS. He was born in Chicago, IL and spent 20 years in Westwego, LA before moving to Bay St. Louis, MS 26 years ago. He was of the Catholic Faith. His knowledge of construction was freely given to help others. He also helped to establish Coast Salvage Company with his family. Bryan loved the water and enjoyed fishing and boating. He was also considered a True Hero by family and friends having saved 5 men and 2 dogs during Hurricane

Katrina. He also liked the fact that his initial were BLT.

He is preceded in death by his father Richie Mullins.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley Mullins of Bay St. Louis, MS; sister, Christina Longo of Bay St. Louis, MS; niece, Tiffany Longo of Bay St. Louis, MS and a host of aunts, uncles.

Visitation is Friday, January 27, 2006 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS with a Prayer Service at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

In Lieu of flowers the family request donations to Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, Inc., P.O. Box 549, Biloxi, MS 39530.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

Hancock Republican Women meet

Hancock County Republican Women held their first meeting of the New Year on January 5 at the Episcopal Church in Diamondhead. Many past and present members and guests were there to greet the new year, renew membership and to hear from Hancock Supervisors Lisa Cowand, District 3 and Jay Cuevas, District 5.

They provided a wealth of information on the post Katrina recovery effort ongoing within the county. Handouts with contact information for the County Government Complex now located at 3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis were made available. All county offices at this site are located in mobile buildings or trailers and are numbered from 1-26.

As a group we were delighted to welcome Cuevas as a recent "switch" to the Republican Party. He was scheduled to make his announcement around the same time that Hancock County received mandatory evacuation notice in August, 2005.

After Katrina, Mississippi Republican State Party Chairman Jim

Herring welcomed him into the GOP at a state meeting in Jackson.

Despite the disruptions caused by Katrina, the committee was able to meet in November and again in December. Thanks to the efforts of our board members, we know where most of our members are located and how they are doing. This was communicated in our December newsletter. The MFRW created a Katrina Relief Task Force, and Virginia Langen was selected to serve on this committee.

On December 17, members participated in the KABOOM project in Bay St. Louis, providing 200 deserts for the group of volunteers who came to build a playground for the children in Bay St. Louis. Sixteen members volunteered to light up ovens for the event. JoEllen Frisbie Gilmore with Bridging the Gulf was part of a group that spearheaded this project.

The Hancock County Republican Women meet on the first Thursday of each month. Currently meeting locations are scheduled in Diamondhead at the Mississippi Republican Community Center Card Room (based on avail-

ability), or at one of the church halls around the POA "circle." For information on meeting locations contact President Nell Frisbie C at 493-2024, or Membership Chair Carol Urbano, 255-6014.

Special Events include: Day At The Legislature, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006 (wear red). Highlights will include a Capital Reception, Luncheon Table Hon. Jessica Upshaw, First Lady's Tea at the Governor's Mansion, \$30. Contact Nell Frisbie by Feb. 11.

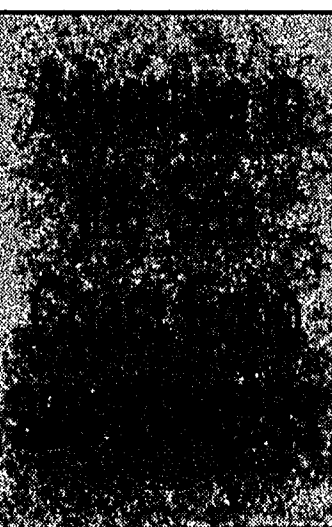
The Southern Republican Leadership Conference will be held March 10-12, in Memphis, TN at The Peabody. For more info go to www.srlc.org/facilities.

The MFRW Spring Board Meeting will be held Saturday, April 8, at Lake Tiak-ohkaha in Louisville, MS. Contact Caring For America Project Chair Norma Stevens, 255-7541.

Members are reminded that the com-

mittee continues to provide items for the Veteran's Home, the Battered Women's Shelter and Hope Haven. Magazines, used cell phones and toiletries are the specific items requested. To donate, contact Stevens at 255-7541.

The Spring Fling annual fundraiser will be held in mid April, with specific dates and location to be announced. There will be \$5 raffle tickets sold for a \$500 grand prize. For tickets call 255-5827. Members are urged to gather items for the silent auction, which will be held in conjunction with the raffle.



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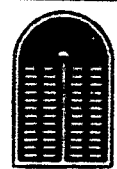
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Sports

Colleges line up for Hancock Co. area gridiron recruits

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, major college football scouts have descended upon Hancock County in hopes of landing their next star.

Several area senior football players will hopefully have the opportunity to land a scholarship to play at the next level. Last year a total of nine area players signed to play at the next level. This year is not any different, in fact it might even be better. There are possibly 14 area players that could sign with schools,

Despite not having a football season due to the damage and chaos caused by Hurricane Katrina on August 29th, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will have at least two sign Division I football scholarships on Wednesday, February 1st which is National Signing Day.

J C Brignone, SSC's talented 6-2 280-pound defensive tackle, will sign with the Mississippi State Bulldogs on Wednesday. Brignone committed to MSU early in the season to get the recruiting hype behind him. While SSC was forced to cancel what would have been his senior season, Brignone found a temporary home in suburban Atlanta to showcase his skills. He landed at nationally renowned Parkview High School

and established himself quickly. It took just three days of practice for Brignone to earn a starting spot on both sides of the line as Parkview advanced to the quarter-finals of the Class 5A state playoffs in Georgia.

Brignone was also recruited by Ole Miss, LSU and USM.

Mike Rice, a 6-5 220-pound tight end/defensive end, has been offered by the United States Military Academy at West Point, a.k.a. Army, and is being heavily sought after by Princeton of the Patriot League.

Rice played his senior season away from SSC down in Florida and continued to woo the scouts. He is also a starting forward for the Rock-a-chaw basketball team.

If Rice signs with Army, it will be the third appointment to a service academy for a Rock-a-chaw football player in the last two years. Lee Klein and Stefan Sofianos are members of the Air Force Falcons in Colorado Springs.

If he chooses Princeton, Rice will be the second player in the last two seasons to head off to an Ivy League institution after Michael Cure headed to Dartmouth last year.

Lance Cuevas, SSC's 5-11 190-pound quarterback, is mulling over Northwestern State University and PRCC. He finished his senior

season in Fairhope and led the Pirates to the first round of the Class 6A state playoffs. He took on a completely new offense and in two weeks had won the starting job following Katrina.

Zach Elkins (defensive back), Josh Morgan (wide receiver/defensive back) and Buddy Schultz (OL/DL) are all being recruited by Millsaps College and Mississippi College. Elkins is also being looked at by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Elkins finished his senior season with the St. John Eagles where he helped led the team to a berth in the Class 1A South State title game. Morgan followed Cuevas to Fairhope while Schultz remained in Bay St. Louis and suited up with the Bay High Tigers. Schultz helped lead the Tigers into the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

Kyle Hughes, a 6-1 270-pound defensive tackle, played his senior season at Bay High School and helped lead the Tigers to the playoffs. He has been offered by PRCC and Mississippi College has shown some interest.

Mike Deifik, a 6-0 205-pound linebacker, is exploring prep schools along the East coast where he hails from. Deifik went back home to New Hampshire to play out his senior season on the gridiron following

Katrina.

The Bay High Tigers are represented on the recruiting map by Sea Coast Echo Defensive Player of the Year Trevor Adam, Teddy Morris, and Kyle Moran.

Adam, a 5-11 200-pound linebacker, led the team in tackles with over 110 in just 10 games. He is being pursued by PRCC and Mississippi College. Recently, Delta State University entered the picture in pursuit of Adam.

Teddy Morris, a 6-2 255-pound OL/DL, is being recruited by PRCC and Mississippi College. Moran, a 5-10 185-pound kicker, is being pursued by PRCC and Mississippi College. Moran is also a star soccer player for the Tigers.

Andrew Smith, a 5-9 200-pound running back, and Colin Miller, a 6-4 320-pound OL/DL, from Hancock are being looked at by PRCC. Smith was the Hawks leading rusher this past season while Miller punished opponents with his relentless blocking.

Pass Christian's top prospect is RB/LB Jaren Bowser who was workhorse both ways for the Pirates. It is unknown what schools are in pursuit of Bowser.

National Signing Day is Wednesday, February 1st. The newspaper will have a follow up article on where the recruits ended up.

Bay blanks SSC 2-0 in soccer

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

In high school boys soccer action on Tuesday night, the Bay High Tigers defeated the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws 2-0 for the first time in recent memory.

The win improved the Tigers division record to 5-3 and an overall record of 7-4-2. It also gave the Tigers the tie-breaker over SSC in case of a tie in the division standings.

The Tigers face a must win in their final game against Pass Christian to have a shot at the division title and the playoffs. On Wednesday night, the Tigers advanced to that one must win game with a 2-1 overtime win at Long Beach. Wednesday's win pushed their record to 8-4-2 and 6-3.

Bay High coach Chris Doxey commented, "For the first time all season, we have been 100% healthy and it shows. We had all starters in the lineup on Tuesday and Wednesday. In the game against SSC, it was a

hard fought game against a rival and a good soccer team. They beat us at their place and we were able to deliver at our field. It feels good to get this win behind us because these players have never beat SSC."

SSC head coach Stace McRaney talked of Tuesday's game, "We had our chances to get some goals but we could not put the ball into the net. It is disappointing to play so well in spots and lose 2-0."

In the Bay/SSC game, Chris Billingsley put the Tigers ahead on the board for good with his rebound shot about nine minutes into the second half.

This was Billingsley's first game all year after

recovering from a knee injury suffered during the football season.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, Kyle Moran sealed the win with his goal to make the final score 2-0.

Against Long Beach, the two teams were knotted at 0-0 at halftime. Bubba Dorn scored early in the second half which was followed by a Long Beach goal less than a minute later.

The two teams remained scoreless for the remainder of the second half which forced two 10-minute overtime periods.

The Tigers' Kyle Moran scored in the first overtime period on a penalty kick with about

two minutes left. Moran's opportunity was the result of Ricky Manieri being taken out on a breakaway.

The Long Beach girls blanked the Bay High Lady Tigers 9-0 on Wednesday night prior to the boys game.

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The Hancock County School District is seeking applicants for the position of school bus driver. The beginning salary is \$6,343.00 yearly for 182 days (9 months) during the hours of approximately 6:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Approximately \$8.70/ hr). Benefits for drivers include 3 sick days, 2 personal days, retirement, and immediate health insurance. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and hold a valid class B driver's license with passenger endorsement (or the ability to obtain a class B license). Interested individuals should contact Tim Favre, Transportation Director, at (228) 255-7141.

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Prepared by:
Williams, Smith & Stockstill, PLLC
P. O. Drawer 1076
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
DOROTHY COURTNEY
ANDRIEUX, DECEASED
DON HOWARD
PETTIONER

CAUSE NO. C2301-06-011(1) EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10 day of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of DOROTHY COURTNEY ANDRIEUX, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 10 day of January, A.D., 2006.
Don Howard, Executor
RHONDA W. DERENBECKER
Attorney at Law
305 Railroad Avenue
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)463-9891
MSB #100220
01/14; 01/21; 01/28/06

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
GERTRUDE KEITHER,
DECEASED
ROBERT WANGEMAN, EXECUTOR

CAUSE NO. C2301-06-010(3)
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 10 day of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the estate of GERTRUDE KEITHER, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS the 10 day of January, A.D., 2006.
ROBERT WANGEMAN, Executor
RHONDA W. DERENBECKER
Attorney for Executor
305 Railroad Avenue
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01/14; 01/21; 01/28/06

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ESTATE OF FRANK BENEDICT
SPINATO, DECEASED
BY
DR. LOUIS GENARD, D.D.S.,

EXECUTOR Cause No. C2301-06-024(4) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of FRANK BENEDICT SPINATO, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 13th day of January, 2006, and all persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present said claims to the Clerk of said Court and have them probated and allowed within ninety days from this date. Failure to do so will bar the claim.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 13th day of January, 2006.
DR. LOUIS GENARD, D.D.S.
J. WILLIAM WILLIAMS
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2409 14th Street
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501
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MSB# 99709
01/21; 01/28; 02/04/06

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
NANCY L. KERN, DECEASED
RICHARD KERN
and
FLORINE PASSANTINO,
Petitioners

CAUSE NO. C2301-06-029(3)
CO-EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO
CREDITORS PURSUANT
TO SECTION 91-7-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972
WE, RICHARD KERN and FLORINE PASSANTINO, Co-Executors of the Estate of Nancy L. Kern, deceased, Cause No. C2301-06-029(3), Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, give the following notice: That the Nancy L. Kern was opened on the 17th day of January, 2006. Your Co-Executors are now issuing their Notice to Creditors and failure to have your claim probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi within ninety days after the date of the first publication of the Notice of Creditors will bar your claim. This the 17th day of January, 2006.
Richard Kern, Co-Executor
Florine Passantino, Co-Executor
01/21; 01/28; 02/04/06

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE INTEREST OF: T.B. & T.B.
CAUSE NO.: 5532-A
ATTENTION: TERRY BILBO, SR.

& SESANE CAMPBELL
You are commanded to personally appear before the Youth Court of Hancock County, 126 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS, at 8:30 a.m. on February 27, 2006, for a First Call and Disposition Hearing. If you have any question, call 228-467-7945 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Prepared by: Chere Hayward
Court Administrator
01/28; 02/01; 02/04/06

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE INTEREST OF: K.S.
CAUSE NO.: 5617-A
ATTENTION: KEVIN SCHROEDER, SR. & NANCY KING
You are commanded to personally appear before the Youth Court of Hancock County, 126 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS, at 8:30 a.m. on February 13, 2006, for a First Call and Disposition Hearing. If you have any question, call 228-467-7945 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Prepared by: Chere Hayward
Court Administrator
01/28; 02/01; 02/04/06

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Charles A. Hernandez, Sr.,
DECEASED
Mary Madell Parker Hernandez,
Executrix
CIVIL ACTION NO. C2301-06-046(2)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 24 day of January, A.D., 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of Charles A. Hernandez, Sr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within three (3) months, from this date. A failure to probate and register any claim within said time will forever bar the said claim.
This the 24 day of January, A.D., 2006.
Mary Madell Parker Hernandez
Executrix of the Estate of
Charles A. Hernandez, Sr.
01/28; 02/04; 02/11/06

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on February 28, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF ESTATE OF BRUCE R. BROWN
NO. C2301-05-654(1)
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 19th of January, 2006, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned DORIS N. BROWN upon the estate of BRUCE R. BROWN, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred. This 23rd day of January, 2006.
S/ DORIS N. BROWN
Administrator
01/28; 02/04; 02/11/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS
FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
AND A VARIANCE
UNDER THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A SUBDIVISION

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 5:10 p.m. in Building Number 15 of the Civic Center Complex at 3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider the application of Andy Adams for a special exception to allow a saw mill operation at 8291, Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, which is zoned C-2. A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday February 16, 2006 at 5:20 p.m. in Building Number 15 of the Civic Center Complex at 3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider the application of Gregory B. Ratcliff for a special exception to allow an existing building on Lots 11 through 19, inclusive, Square 205, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 7, Addition No. 2, on Nile Street to be used for an apartment, a cultured marble

manufacturing operation and commercial spaces. The property is zoned R-2A. A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday February 16, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in Building Number 15 of the Civic Center Complex at 3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider the application of Jimmy Tucker White, Jr. for a variance to allow side yards on each side of 9.5 feet instead of the required ten (10) feet for a dwelling to be constructed on Lot 10, Block 9, Shoreline Estates Subdivision, Unit 2, on Garden Road, which is zoned R-1. A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday February 16, 2006 at 5:40 p.m. in Building Number 15 of the Civic Center Complex at 3068 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider the application of David Alsobrooks, Steven Miller and Greg McQueen for approval of the preliminary plan for East Pointe Estates Subdivision, a thirty-two (32) lot development on 71.79 acres of land in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, which is zoned A-1. Those interested in more information on the above matters may visit the Zoning Office at the above referenced Building 15 or call (228)-463-7120 or (228)-467-4157 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
James M. Lagasse
Hancock County Building Official
January 26, 2006
01/28/06

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF
WAVELAND
WORKSHOP
RE: OPEN MEETING WITH
WAVELAND BOARD OF MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN AND THE BAY
ST. LOUIS COUNCIL
Let it be known that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Waveland set a workshop date to meet with the Bay St. Louis Council; open meeting to discuss the following: integrating resources of the two cities, inter-local agreements, and coordinating the comprehensive plans of the two cities. Meeting shall be set for Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Waveland Board Room, 335 Coleman Avenue, Building #9. 01/28/06

Ponderings -- Southern Exposure

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rolling roadblock, using their bikes to block every side street and positioned themselves between the motorcade and any parked vehicle along the way. Escort boats, several hundred yards offshore, kept pace as the motorcade traveled down Beach Boulevard to St. Stanislaus. We later watched as the President boarded Air Force One and departed at Stennis International Airport.

I tell you this because Hancock County received a tremendous amount of national attention. The day after the President's visit, I watched the entire event on television. The network aired the President's speech, but what really impressed me was the video footage which aired first. Without any audio, the

entire trip down Beach Boulevard was broadcast to the whole nation. Every destroyed building and home on that seven-mile or so trip could be seen. Steps leading to nowhere, piles of debris, the remains of people's homes and lives for all to witness. It was very moving. It left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the total destruction along our beach front area.

When the governor was in town last week, he took the time to have a private meeting with me, because of my position as publisher of the Sea Coast Echo. He wanted to convey just how committed his office is to the

rebuilding efforts of the Coast and all areas of the state damaged by Hurricane Katrina. He had visited the DuPont DeLilse Plant that morning and was pleased that it was back up and running. He spoke of Wellman and the fact that company had been back in operation for several months. The governor also outlined some of the tax incentives and grants available to local businesses.

In order to rebuild the Coast, people must have jobs. To have jobs, businesses must rebuild and reopen. The governor knows this. For businesses to operate, they must

have employees. Employees must have a place to live. We can not have one without the other. The governor understands this as well. In order for any of these to occur, this area needs a massive amount of outside help. Exposure in the national media certainly helps our cause, but ultimately, it will be up to each of us to make our own rebuilding decisions. All the aid and

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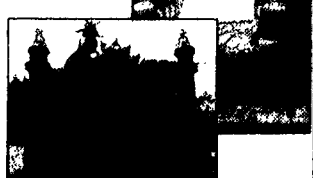
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The Waveland Animal Shelter was hard-hit by Hurricane Katrina, and is now overrun with stray animals. The shelter staff is trying to save as many of them as possible, euthanizing only severely injured or vicious animals.

Katrina's forgotten victims

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Often overlooked in the light of tragedy, the animal population of Hancock County was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina. The Waveland Animal Shelter has been reopened, and the steady flow of stray animals has become a depressing footnote in the story of Hurricane Katrina.

"Right now we are pretty much back to normal, as far as the number of animals that are being picked up, and that is pre-storm levels," said Waveland Animal Control Officer Charles Schwartz. "I cannot say for sure how many animals we have picked up since the storm, but I believe that it is more than 1,000."

The animal shelter, which is located on Gulf St. in Waveland, was reopened in October with limited resources. The building suffered from five feet of water during the storm, but the shelter secured 36 cages, and four employees have remained on the job. The shelter houses animals for Waveland, Bay St. Louis, and Hancock County.

In the days after the storm, hundreds of animals were picked up, and the state veterinarian board took all of those animals as well as the animals that were at the shelter to a safe place. Hundreds more perished



The shelter has dozens of healthy puppies and kittens available for adoption.

in the storm.

Today, the shelter is once again at its full capacity, and animals are kept for up to two weeks before being shipped out to North Carolina. There are no adoptions from the shelter at this time, however, many animals have been reunited with their owners.

"We are trying to find the owners of the animals," Schwartz said. "We are not doing any euthanasia unless the animals are injured or very violent."

Schwartz believes that many of the animals that are getting loose now, are doing so because their are hardly any fences up, and he urges pet owners to pay attention to their animals at all times.

"I know people have a lot to think about, but we hope that people will keep an eye on the animals," Schwartz said.

Another problem is that the police department has been getting some dog bite calls

"The biggest thing with the dog bites is that there are a lot of new people in the area, and people are not familiar with the dogs," Schwartz said. "You should be careful when dealing with dogs you don't know."

As for the future of the shelter, Schwartz said that — like everything else — the animal shelter's status is up in the air.

"It's going to be up to the board of aldermen and the mayor, of course, to decide what happens with the shelter," Schwartz said. "We are trying our best, but who knows what the future holds."

One possibility that has been discussed is the construction of a new animal shelter. The Hancock County Board of Supervisors have received an offer from a group from Bucks County Pa. to build a new animal shelter if the county finds a place for the shelter to go.

"The county is very appreciative of this offer," said county attorney Ronnie Artigues. "A new animal shelter will be a benefit for everyone, and the board of supervisors is very interested in this idea. The board will be looking at some sites to secure the land needed."



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